

W Wooster High School Guidance Dept.

Wooster City School District

February 2015

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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Principal's Message:

As we continue through the cold winter months of Ohio, our teachers and students have been working hard in preparation for the new upcoming state assessments. As a result of the testing, please remember that we will be running a block schedule to accommodate the testing sessions while preserving the maximum amount of class time teachers will have students in their classes. Please refer to our website for further information about testing sessions and times.

Please also remember that the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) will be administered March 16-20 for all sophomores and any upperclassman that have not passed all five tests. This will be the last year the OGT will be administered to an entire class. During this same week, freshman and eighth graders will be finishing their mathematics PARCC exams on Monday or Tuesday and attending some scheduling informational sessions the latter days of the week. For those juniors and seniors that have passed all five portions of the OGT, the school day will begin at 10:00 am. If your child is testing, please encourage them to get plenty of rest, eat well and do the very best possible. The bell schedule for this week will be on the Wooster High School website.

Parents are valuable when it comes to supporting classroom assignments and encouraging students to stay on task. As a team, we can help our young people succeed in school and prepare for college or career readiness. If there are any questions about your student's progress, please call and talk to our counselors, teachers, and administrators as we look to partner with you to inspire world-class academic achievement.

Go Generals!
Tyler Keener

Follow us on Twitter for up to date information and news:
@WooPrincipal
@WooGuidance
@gowooathletics

PSEO/ Dual Enrollment Changing to College Credit Plus (CCP)

College Credit Plus (CCP) will replace our current post-secondary and dual enrollment options for the 2015-2016 school year. This system allows more students to take advantage of college-level classes both on the WHS campus and through approved colleges. The state's goal is to help students be more prepared for the rigors of college, while giving them a way to save on tuition costs. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 in the LGIR to go over the new requirements.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you must apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please check your specific college/university to see if they have a deadline for completion. Those who apply early and are eligible have the best opportunity for free money. It is better to estimate your income rather than sending an application in later. Should you need FAFSA help, Wayne College campus is having a help sessions from 9:00am – 12:00pm on the following dates: February 28, March 7, & April 18. Register by calling 330-684-8942 or to obtain further information.

Graduating Seniors:

A questionnaire will be available, beginning April 6 for you to complete. Fill it out on your mobile device or pick up a copy in the guidance office. This questionnaire is **extremely important** for many reasons, so please fill it out promptly with as much information as possible. It lets us know what you are doing for next fall: going to college, working, traveling, etc. It tells us the scholarships you have earned. It will serve as a release for your final transcript to the college/university you are planning to attend. Lastly, the information reported in this questionnaire will also be used for the commencement program. Questionnaires must be completed by April 30 for graduation purposes and program preparation.

Scholarship Information

Scholarships are coming in daily. The only way to receive a scholarship is to apply. Go through the scholarship booklet received in the mail and circle scholarships of interest. Application procedures are available in detail on page one of the scholarship booklet. Many scholarship applications can be found at woosterguidance.wikispaces.com/Scholarships and at www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org. Don't wait until the last minute to ask teachers and counselors for letters of recommendations for scholarships – give them at least five days notice! Also, a transcript release form will need to be submitted with all scholarship applications. A parent signature is required on the release form if under 18 years of age.

Top Twelve Tips for a winning scholarship application

1. Apply only if eligible.
2. Complete application in black ink or type.
3. Read and follow all instructions.
4. Be aware of all deadlines.
5. Submit a clean and neat application.
6. Submit a well-composed essay that makes an impression.
7. Attach additional sheet highlighting activities, awards, work experience, etc.
8. Seek assistance if needed.
9. Give counselors/faculty/staff at least five days to compose a letter of recommendation if needed.
10. Submit a transcript release form with every scholarship application. A parent signature is required if not yet 18 years of age.
11. Turn in applications at least **five** days prior to the due date.
12. Return application to counselor if required or mail application to the proper address with the required postage.

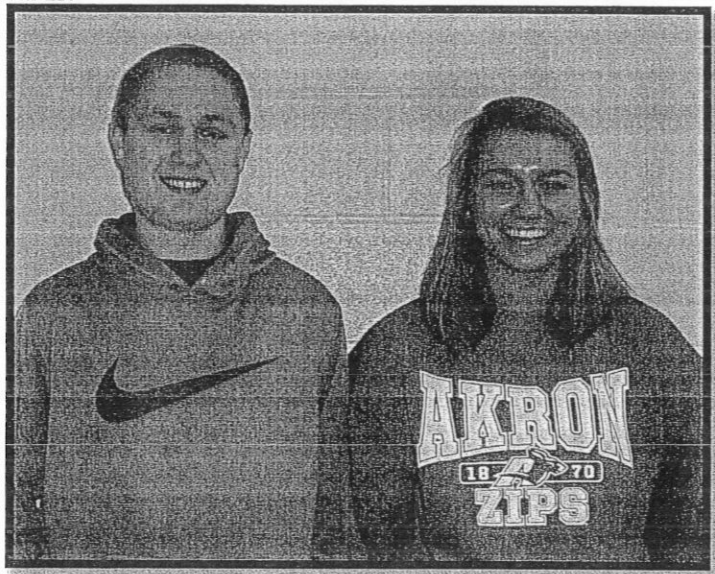
Fine Arts Festival

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the 17th Annual Wooster City Schools Fine Arts Festival will be held from 10:00am – 4:00pm in the Commons area and Performing Arts Center at Wooster High School.

The festival is free and open to the public. The day will include a visual arts gallery of student work from Wooster City School students in grades K-12. 2D and 3D artwork will be on display from Cornerstone, Kean, Melrose, Parkview Elementaries, Edgewood Middle School and Wooster High School. Instrumental and vocal performances, both individual and group, will be performing through out the day. The Speech and Debate Team will share their award winning skills as they perform with some of their top talented students. Wooster High School students will be demonstrating drawing and painting techniques and provide free face painting for children attending the festival. A professional potter will be on display to share their magic.

On the eve of the festival, March 20th, the Wooster High School Drama Club will present the play, William Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*. The play will begin at 7:30pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Wooster High School. During intermission, patrons can preview the Fine Arts Festival Gallery. The play will also be performed at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 21st and at 2:00pm on Sunday, the 22nd.

Enjoy the many talented artists as they share the magic of their creative expressions. Come celebrate the arts this weekend with us!



Congratulations to Brett Lepley and Tori Sommer on being selected the February Recognized Board of Education students.

Upward Bound

Is your child thinking about going to college? Upward Bound is a program that helps eligible students get ready for college. The program provides academic advising, tutoring, college visits, test-preparation, and a 6-week summer program on a college campus. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education; therefore, there is no cost to students.

Upward Bound is recruiting now. Students in grades 9 or 10 who are interested in college are encouraged to apply.

To get more information and an application, call 330-287-1285 or pick up a brochure and preliminary application from Mrs. Goff in the Guidance Office.

Physical Education Waiver

Any student that has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two (2) seasons will be exempted from participation in physical education, if so desired. Students **MUST** complete the entire season(s) in which they have elected to participate. Thus, a student who plays a combination of Wooster High School sports at any level—freshman, JV, or varsity or marching band or cheerleading for a total of two (2) seasons is exempt. In the case of an exemption, the student would be excused from physical education classes, but his/her total number of credits for graduation would not change, therefore, they would have to replace physical education with other academic electives or simply take physical education as an elective. The exemption would be noted on the student's transcript. In order to facilitate accurate scheduling and record keeping, we require each student to fill out an exemption form. Once both seasons are successfully completed, the student will obtain the verification signature form from the Athletic Director and/or Band Director. At that time, the form will be reviewed with the appropriate guidance counselor and the waiver will be reflected on the student's transcripts. Waiver forms are available in the guidance office or www.woostercityschools.org/hs.

Registration for 2015-2016 classes

Registration for classes for next year will take place will begin in Mid-March. Updated information will be sent out in the beginning of March.

PARENT & COMMUNITY MEETING

for Wooster City School District Parents of
Students with Disabilities

IEP Transition Planning:
Preparing Your Child for Life after High School


FEBRUARY 24, 2015
WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
5:30-5:45 p.m. - Registration and Coffee
5:45-6:45 p.m. - Featured Presentations:

**Ken Kelly, Wayne County Board of
Developmental Disabilities**
**Anthony Derico, Wayne County
Representative, Opportunities for Ohioans
with Disabilities -OOD**
**Addy Fletcher, Parent Mentor, Tri-County
Educational Service Center**
**Susan Burnett, Wooster City Schools
Counselor**

Topics to be covered:
• Supported, integrated and
independent employment
opportunities
• College readiness, credit options,
graduation requirements
• Self-Advocacy
• Q & A



www.woostercityschools.org



FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT GRADES 5-12

Join the Wooster City School District for an informational evening, including breakout sessions on important topics regarding your child's education.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6:30 P.M.
WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 - 6:30 P.M.

- (Choose One - 30 minutes)
- Safety and Security Update by the Wooster City Police Department: What is AICE?
 - District Leadership Q&A with Superintendent Dr. Michael Tels and Board of Education President Bob Reynolds
 - International Baccalaureate
 - New State Testing (PARCC/AIR) Overview
 - New STEM Curriculum (Project Lead the Way)

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 - 7:00 P.M.

- (Choose One - 30 minutes)
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CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 AND OLDER



Please contact Sandy Kline at 330.288.1111 ext. 124 for additional information and to RSVP or register online at <http://googlform/foetigh999>



ACT

Prep Courses

IMPROVE YOUR ACT SCORE. IMPROVE YOUR
CHANCES OF GETTING INTO THE COLLEGE OF
YOUR CHOICE.

**REGISTER
NOW!**
COST: \$75.00

Wooster High School is offering an ACT Prep Course for students planning to take the April 28 ACT test, which will be given at Wooster High School during the school day.

The prep course is held at Wooster High School

The course consists of two, five-week sessions, with one session meeting on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays

Each session will meet once per week from 6-8:30 p.m.

Each week will cover one area of study found on the ACT (Science, Math, Reading, English and Test Skills)

Each participant will receive a Barron's ACT 36 with CD.

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: SCIENCE

Tues: March 17

Thurs: March 19

WEEK 2: READING

Tues: March 24

Thurs: March 26

WEEK 3: MATH

Tues: April 7

Thurs: April 9

WEEK 4: ENGLISH

Tues: April 14

Thurs: April 16

WEEK 5: TEST SKILLS

Tues: April 21

Thurs: April 23

REGISTRATION

To register, visit the Wooster High School webpage or visit the Guidance Office. To participate, students must register by March 6. Registration is limited to Wooster High School students. This course will be capped at 50 students!

ACT

Spring Registration

DATE: APRIL 28

LOCATION: WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL

TIME: THE TEST WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY

**REGISTER
NOW!**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1 IN THE
WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE.**

LIMITED NUMBER OF OPENINGS AVAILABLE. REGISTER EARLY.

COST

- ACT, NO Writing: \$38.00
- ACT, PLUS Writing: \$54.50

Please make checks payable to Wooster High School.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be NO special
accommodations for this test.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AT 330.345.4000 EXT. 3400